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September 20, 2016

Re: L. E. Carpenter  
Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey  
SRP PI# 003017

Dear Ms. Simmons-Pierre:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP or Department) has completed a review of the document titled "First Semiannual Monitoring Report 2016" dated July 29, 2016, submitted pursuant to CERCLA and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E (Tech Rules).

**General Comment:**

Please note that NJDEP comments regarding surface water investigations in the Eastern Drainage Ditch and Rockaway River were provided in the Department's letter dated September 7, 2016.

**Specific Comment:**

The NJDEP disagrees with the statement that MW-30 AOC ground water contamination has been adequately delineated. The NJDEP has previously required additional field activities to fully delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of ground water contamination associated with this AOC. Ground water samples obtained from MW-35s which is the furthest downgradient well, had 7,700 ppb ethylbenzene, 38,000 ppb xylenes and 590 ppb DEHP.

Please incorporate this comment into the letter that the USEPA will be sending to L.E. Carpenter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter I may be contacted at (609) 633-1416, or at Anthony.Cinque@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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